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Workshops Scheduled To Assist Professional Landscapers Improve System Efficiency and Save Water

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) at UC Davis are sponsoring two workshops in communities facing water watering restrictions during the drought to assist landscape irrigation managers reduce water usage through improved system efficiency. Local agencies and vendors also are participating.

The first workshop will be held 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 25 at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 801 Grand Avenue in San Luis Obispo. The second workshop on May 9 will be held in the City of Santa Rosa's Utilities Field Operations Training Center, 35 Stony Point Road. The English session will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by a Spanish session from noon to 3 p.m.

Both workshops will feature indoor presentations and outdoor demonstrations on understanding precipitation rates to reduce runoff; improving sprinkler distribution uniformity to reduce water use; improving controller programs during mandatory water restrictions; determining application rates and precipitation rates of drip/micro irrigation; understanding soils to reduce runoff or deep percolation, and understanding water meters to improve irrigation efficiency.

Registration is at ccuh.ucdavis.edu (and also at the door in San Luis Obispo). CCUH Executive Director Dave Fujino will be available at both workshops to answer questions; his mobile number is 530-902-6818. For simple, everyday water conservation tips, visit SaveOurH2O.org.